

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee held via electronic communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM.**

**Present:**

Bryce Kumka, Chair, Business Community  
Jennifer Vardy, Vice-Chair, Public At Large  
Aurick DeSousa, Community Development  
Steven Hale, Education Sector  
Purva Sharma, Arts, Culture and Recreation Representative  
Raj Vasal, Community Development  
Rene Wells, Public-At-Large

**Absent:**

Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large  
Alex McKenzie, Land Development Sector  
David Secord, Business Community Representative  
Dan Soupal, Land Development Industry  
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large  
Stu Wigle, Councillor

**Administration:**

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management  
Amanda Haitas, Acting Director, Planning and Development  
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects  
Caitlin Sheaves, Clerk, Legislative Services

**1. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Jennifer Vardy called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bryce Kumka
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Aurick DeSousa
<b>FOR:</b>	Kumka, Vardy, DeSousa, Hale, Sharma, Vasal, Wells
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Abbas, McKenzie, Secord, Soupal, Uche-Ezeala

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

#### **3.1. Special Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - August 9, 2023**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 9, 2023 be approved as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Raj Vasal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Purva Sharma
<b>FOR:</b>	Kumka, Vardy, DeSousa, Hale, Sharma, Vasal, Wells
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Abbas, McKenzie, Secord, Soupal, Uche-Ezeala

### **4. New and Unfinished Business**

#### **4.1. Attracting New Business and Private Investment - Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, and Terri Nielsen, Director, Tourism, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development**

Kevin Weidlich, President, and CEO, Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, and Terri Nielsen, Director, Tourism, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism (FMWBEDT) presented an overview of the FMWBEDT Strategic Goals, and business and investment attraction, including commercial and retail development, economic diversification, and industrial development. Additionally, Terri Nielsen, Director, Tourism provided an overview of tourism in the Region, including tourism development, event attraction and visitor experience.

Committee Members provided feedback on the various aspects of development in the Region, noting the importance of the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (the Plan), and the approval and implementation of the Plan.

##### Exit:

Chair Bryce Kumka exited the meeting at 10:31 a.m. at which time quorum was lost.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Chair